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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2005, and following a Notice of Appeal date stamped by the USPTO on May 31, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.